HAMATEUR CHATTER

The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Inc.

The World's Oldest Continuously Active Radio Amateur Club

75 YEARS of Continuous Club Activity!

W9RH CLUB CALL

For Information on HAM RADIO or Our Club - CALL **466-HAMS**

APR - 1994

THE NEXT MRAC MEETING

Date: **Thursday - April 28, 1994**

Time: **7:30 P.M.**

Place: **Wauwatosa Savings Bank at 75th and State in Wauwatosa**

Program: Video from **CQ magazine "Getting Started in Contesting"**

Also a Raffle of some "electronics treasures".

May Meeting: **Thursday - May 26, 1994**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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I'm finding our Saturday morning breakfast club(?) to be truly amazing. As you know, it started with just two members. We now have over twenty members attending each Saturday. We know each other's first and last name along with their call! We have gotten to know what the other person will say before he or she will say it!

It has been especially interesting learning the different talents that the group possesses. I would like to thank those of you who have taken the time in this past year to display your talents. I wonder what kind of club we would have if each member would donate just a little bit of his or her talent?

I would also like to thank our crew of members, Jim Tromblay - WB9LNU, Fred Linn - W9NZF, Bill Jones - KF9FA, and Ted Stiller - WA9RDI, who are planning the events for this year's Field Day. Both ARRL Field Day and the special event station (to commemorate our 75th year) will be at the Pioneer Village in Cedar burg (old Cedarburg RR depot).

Become Radio (Club) Active - Come and join us at Maxim's near Timmermann Field for the Saturday breakfast, at our next Club meeting, at this year's Field Day, and on 28.4 MHz (SSB) at 8:45 pm Friday and 147.045 + offset at 9:00 p.m. on Friday evenings. Being radioactive is fun and rewarding.

73,

Ed - W9PWG

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Use Our **W9RH Repeater** 147.045 MHz + *offset*

MILWAUKEE AREA NET INFORMATION

DAY	TIME	MHZ	ACTIVITY
DAILY	6-8 AM	14.290	Wisconsin/Florida Net (SSB)
MON-FRI	8:30 AM	3.965	After Breakfast Club (SSB)
MON	8:00 PM	146.445	Emergency Net
MON	9:00 PM	146.670	ARES Net (Milwaukee-Waukesha)
MON	9:00 PM	50.160	6 Mtr. General Net
TUE	7:00 PM	442.200	General Racine N90E2 rep.General
TUE	8:00 PM	7.035	A.F.A.R. Net (CW)
WED	8:00 PM	28.365	10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.) (SSB)
THU	9:00 PM	50.160	6 Mtr. General Interest Net
THU	9:00 PM	146.910	Computer Net
FRI	8:45 PM	28.400	W9RH 10 meter MRAC Station Net(SSB)
FRI	9:15 PM	147.045	W9RH 2 mtr net following the 10 mtr net
SAT	9:00 PM	146.910	Saturday Nite Fun net
SUN	8:00 PM	28.365	10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.) (SSB)
SUN	8:00 PM	146.910	Information Net
SUN	8:30AM	3.985	QCWA - (Chptr. 55) (SSB)
SUN	9:00 PM	146.910	Swap Net
SUN	10:00 AM	443.800	FM-38 Link to 146.88 Baraboo SWAP Net

The 2 meter frequencies are -600 khz offset FM repeaters. FM38 is +5 Mhz offset, tone 114.8 The 10 meter frequencies are upper sideband (USB). If there are additions, changes, or corrections to this list, please contact; Pancho KA9OFA. 344-4694 or call 466-HAMS.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

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Hi, again,

We have an election coming up at the May meeting. Think about who you would like to draft to fill the open positions and let the Nominating Committee know your thoughts on this subject.so far we have the following nominations:

W9PWG - Ed Willie -- (third term) Pres. or
KE9JJ -- Ed Seruga -- Pres or Director
W9UVV - Roger Zaun -- First Vice Pres.
W9VQD - Travis Baird -- Second Vice Pres.
W9NZF - Fred Linn -- Secretary again!
WB9BWP - Dave DeFebo -- Tkreasurer
WB9LNU - Jim Tromblay -- Director
WA9SFH - Jerry Thompson -- Director
N9RXB - Wayne Schrubbe -- Director
W9VLK - Fred Krause -- Director
AE9C - Hans Schroeder -- Director

The Club will have tables for club use at the **Cedarburg Swapfest on May 7 in Cedarburg.** So, bring your goodies and just a little bit of time to devote to the manning of these tables (if everyone would spend just a little time at ther Club tables then everyone will be able to take advantage of the goodies at the rest of the tables).

73's

Pancho - KA9OFA

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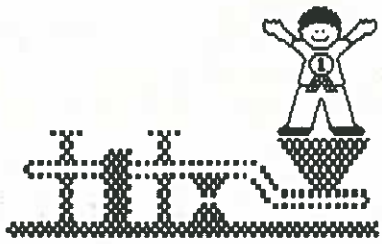
P.S. Remember we can always use articles and news for the Hamateur Chatter. Without news we have no newsletter.

Deadline for any particular issue is the first of the month. Our meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month.

We also welcome any updates, comments, additions, corrections, etc.



FCC HAM RADIO EXAMS

Wednesday Exams

All Grades MRAC VEC *

Third Wed. of each month at 6:30 pm

Village at Manor Park (was Methodis Manor)

3023 S. 84th St.

Milwaukee, WI

Walk-ins are welcome, but preregistration is requested if possible. To register in advance, send a post card on which you have printed the grade of license for which you are applying, your name, address and telephone number to;

c/o Jack Krause-W9JK
1737 N. 116th St.
Wauwatosa, WI 53226

or

c/o Les Peterson - W9YCV
9741 W. Howard
Greenfield, WI 53228

For more information call:

466-HAMS

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Saturday Exams *

Last Saturday of Each Month

at 8:30 am

at Wauwatosa S&L

7500 W. State St. Wauwatosa

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SWAT TEAM Exams *

2nd SAT of each month

at 1:00 pm

Wauwatosa S&L

6560 S. 27th ST.

Oak Creek, WI

Enter the north end of the building, downstairs and follow the signs.

For more info call:
KB9QL - Norman McNew (414) 764-5998
or AA9DO - Joe Mettry (414)761-9219.

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*** Bring your license (if any) and 2 copies also the same for CSCE's you may have. Originals will be returned to you.**

$5.00 charge for exams for ALL classes of license.

KA9MXM REVIEWS THE MARCH MEETING

Our last MRAC meeting was held March 31, 1994 the Thursday before Easter. Raffle tickets were available for the electronic goodies at the front table. The meeting attendance totalled 44, which is improving with each meeting. It included several new members from our Radio school and three guests.

NOTE: It is important that all members and guests sign in at the table, when you arrive for the meeting. It lets us know what the total attendance is, who is active (and who we should bug into activity). We appreciate your coming to the meetings.

Ed Wille, our president, made sure that his "wireless" mike was working properly for this meeting. He installed new batteries in his mike so there would be no interruptions in the meeting.

Ted stiller - WA9RDI had an assistant with him at break time, Wayne Schrubbe - N9RXB. It helps in improving the service. After the break, Ed showed us the ARRL video "At Any Time". It explained the use of Amateur Radio in Emergencies and disasters. How often have we read with pride the news articles concerning these items. When broadcast radio and normal telephone systems failed or were out of service due to storms and accidents, individual Amateur Radio operators or organizations such as RACES and ARES took over and supplied communications for days until regular communications could be re-established. (RACES [raycees] is the Radio Amateur Civil emergency Service and ARES [airees] is the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, which deal with emergency and non-emergency activities.)

Our Saturday breakfast and get-together at maxim's are setting records. The March 26th breakfast had a record 21 and on the Saturday before Easter another record was set with 22 present. "Why don't you come up and see us some time" as we hear in a popular TV ad for a carpet company. You'll enjoy the fun and camaraderie and Gemutlichkeit of our relaxing breakfasts. Learn more of what is going on in the club.

After the March 31st breakfast, Ed wille and about a half dozen other club members drove to Cedarburg to inspect the "old Cedarburg Rail Road Depot". It will be in the news at least twice this year. First it will serve as our field Day site and second, the MRAC will be commemorating its 75th year of continuous amateur radio activity with a speci al events station there in August. Stay active and informed by coming to our meetings and breakfasts and find out more about these existing events in the history of our club.

UPDATES, etc

BIRTHDAYS

We have several Club members celebrating birthdays in May:

KA9ZMK — Delbert C. Clark
W9MOT — Ken Eggert
N9KWY — Christine M. Grubbs
KA9PCJ — Harold C. Hacka
W9CCZ — Kenneth Jacobchick
W9VAT — John S. LaFeber
W9CHD — Charles Merton
W9OMZ — Jame F. Pavek
WA9UV — Herbert W. Roehner
KB9GQX — Norman Russel
WB9HSW — Richard F. Schoessow
AE9G — Hans Schroeder
KB4QXV — Bernard M. Schuster
N9KVI — Lawrence J. Stefaniak
WD9EUF — Michael R. Taylor
KA9CVL — Richard W. Villa

BEST WISHES!

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ROSTER UPDATE

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PLEASE ADD TO YOUR ROSTER:
Joe O'Farrell, Jr. - N9WLK
Phone: 963-9361
4353 N. Morris Bl
Shorewood, WI 53211

MUG IT UP

If you have a mug coming for contributing to the Repeater Fund - the will be at the next club meeting. If you cannot be there perhaps you can arrange for a buddy to pick it up.

And . . . if you don't have a mug coming - you can get one this way --- by contributing $25.00 or more to the Repeater Fund.

Make checks out to M.R.A.C. and send to;

M. R. A. C.
P.O. Box 25707
Milwaukee, WI 53225
Attention: Orv Stewart - KA9ONQ

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SILENT KEY

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Stanley D. Kotecki - KWC9WV born 11/05/94 became a silent key March 21st. He is survived by his wife, Genevieve, children Damian Kotecki, Cathleen (Pennington) Robert Kotecki and Genevieve (Gregg) Doss, brother Robert Kotecki, sister, Rose Marie Shotola, 7 grandchildren and a great-grandchild. He was an engineer, retired from the J.F. Athern Co.

Stanley was a member of MRAC since June 1960 and remained active thru 1992.

CLUB NEWS

REPEATER NEWS

By Jim WB9LNU

Our Club repeater control operators are as follows:

Tom	N9UFJ	327-6879
Dave	WB9BWP	529-5583
Byron	N9RTL	476-5068
Dick	KA9CVL	475-5594
and a new volunteer		
Joe	KE9LL	463-7668

As some of you may know, Joe KE9LL has tried in the past to get us started with a repeater. He has given much thought in ways to help our club with the use of a repeater. I am looking forward to his help along with the others in our control group.

At present the system is on a 10 minute QSO timer and will remain so. However, the system will be automatically turned off at 12:00 pm and back on at 6:00 am. If you need the system on during its normal off period, please contact one of our control operators and they will leave it on for you. There is no PL on the system at this time.

Your technical group consists of:

Jim ..	WB9LNU	1-968-2724
Ed	W9PWG	461-5961
Fred...	W9NZF	377-3280
Roger	W9UVV	242-4931
Jerry..	WA9SFH	354-6943

They will be working on the following u=pgrades:

1) Make PL operational
2) Make system "S" meter operational
3) Add a new Lightning arrester.
4) I am recommending that we change our troublesome tube amplifier to a 160 watt solid state unit. In so doing, our system ERP will be 640 watts and hopefully the annoying harmonics that are destroying our receiver sensitivity will be gone.

We are still looking for input on a possible repeater location!!!!

See you on 2 meters,

WB9LNU- Jim

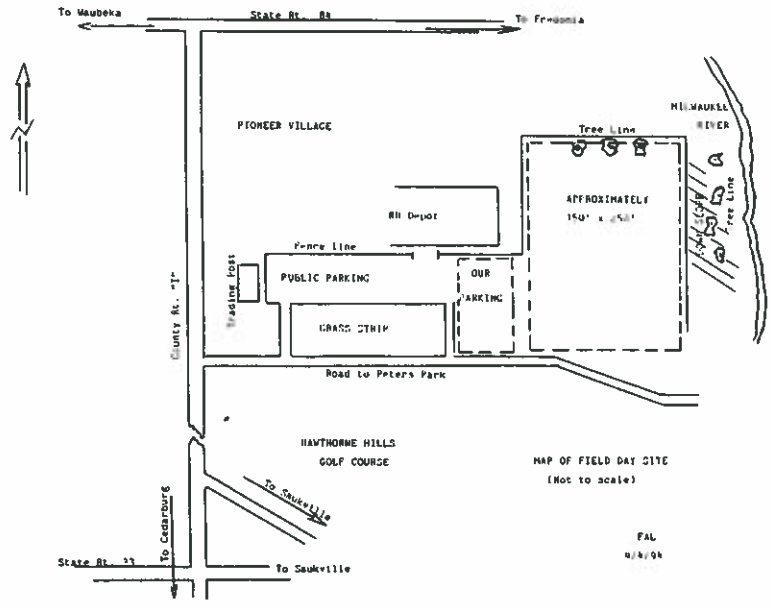
SITE CHOSEN FOR

FIELD DAY- JUNE 25-26,1994 and SPECIAL EVENT STATION in AUGUST

These two events will use the same location this year (namely the old Cedarburg RR depot at Pioneer Village in Cedarburg, WI. So far we plan to have a two station setup for Field Day this ;year, both SSB as of this date. We have had no requests for a CW station or any operats for it. If you would like a CW station, let us know ASAP.

Our Special Event station will also be only SSB unless we have help. How about it? What a setup at the train station operators position.

MAP to get To THE OLD CEDARBURG RR STATION at PIONEER VILLAGE



Club Meetings

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West Allis Radio Amateur Club
Meets the second Tuesday of each month
at 8:00 p.m.
At St. Peter's Episcopal Church
7929 W. Lincoln Ave.
West Allis, WI

Miller Valley Radio Amateur Club
Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
at 703 N. 39th St.,
just north of and almost under
the former Wis. Ave. viaduct.
For info contact; Art - WA9AWJ
(found daily on the 145.13 repeater).

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

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W9RH- TEN METER NET

Come on up and join us on **W9RH Ten Meter Net** on **Friday evenings at 9:00 PMat approximately 28.4 MHZ.**
We'd like to meet you there.

CQ Third Tuesday

11:00 am
Skanda House
Hwy 100 & Oklahoma

Y'all come! to the
MRAC **HAM BREAKFAST**
every Saturday morning
at 8:30 o'clock.
Maxim's Restaurant
9143 W. Appleton Ave.
(corner of 91st St.
and Appleton Ave.
near Timmerman Field)
Prices are reasonable, the food - good,
and the **company - excellent.**

Friday Evening CQ Food
First Friday of the month Fishfry
Quality Inn
Hwy 100 and Bluemound

2nd Friday
Serb Hall at 51st and Oklahoma
Call: Warren - K9IZV
on th 146.91 - offset
for reservations by Noon on that FRI.
Other Fridays
Check in 5:00 pm
Decision & finalization at 6:00pm
and meet at
CQ Food destination at 7:00pm
Other CQ Foods on a random basis
also called on this repeater
"CQ Food" on WA9JDB 146.91 Repeater.

NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS

Articles and information for the newsletter should be received by the editor **no later than the first of the month of publication.** If received after the first of the month, its **inclusion** in that month's edition **cannot be guaranteed.** Your cooperation is appreciated.

Please mail submissions to:

Hamateur Chatter
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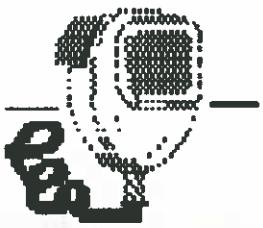
1958 N. 38th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53208

You may also call me at;
344-4694.

Thanks to our news contributors this month:

KF9FA	KA9MXM	KA9ONQ
KE9JJ		W9PWG
WB9LNU		WA9SFH



* ATTENTION MRAC HAMS! *

The MRAC's under cover HAM has discovered some clandestine activity on the HF Amateur bands of late. It seems that a secretive group of HAM Mananas has been conducting, until now, an unknown net right under our solder- smoke stained noses. I am told this mysterious murder of communicator crows refer to themselves as the dummy load DX net. This reporter's source, who wishes to be referred to as Deep Vox , leaked this information during a breakfast interview at a local eating establishment. During this Saturday morning meeting, Deep Vox refused to go into any great detrail about what he really knows about this Dummy Load Net, but he indicates this story goes to the very heart of the Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club.

This Writer can assure all members of the MRAC and every interested person that all possible information about this sinister Dummy Load net will be made public in this fine publication.

Stay Tuned

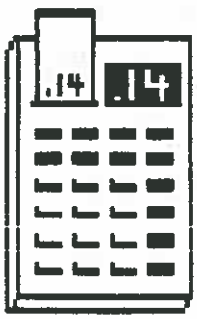
RADIO MATH CALCULATOR CLASS PROPPOSED

Various students in our ham radio classes at Village at manor Park have expressed interest in a course to help them use a calculator when dealing with Hamradio mathematics.

Ed Wille - W9PWG is looking for one or two Hams from our Club to help him set up such a course to start in September.

Anyone interested in helping out with this venture should contact:

Ed Wille - W9PWG at 461-5961 .



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* * * * UPCOMING EVENTS * * * *

* Signifies VE Testing

Dayton Hamvention *
FRI APR 29-SUN MAY 1,1994
Dayton, OH

De Kalb Hamfest
SUN - MAY 1, 1994
Sandwich, IL
T/I 146.52 simp. or 146.73 - offset Rptr.

Cedarburg Swapfest *
SAT - May 7, 1994
Circle B Recreation Center
Cedarburg, WI
T-I on 146.37/97 and 146.52

G.M.R.S. - May Fest
SUN - MAY 22, 1994
Du Page County Fairgrounds
Wheaton, IL
T/I on 146.52 direct or 462.6, 467.6 PL 173.8

ARRL Field Day
SAT JUN 25 thru SUN JUN 26, 1994
MRAC Site at old Cedarburg RR depot
Cedarburg, WI

Princeton Hamfest and Computer Show
SUN - JUN 5, 1994
Bureau County Fairgrounds
Princeton, IL
T/I on 146.355 - Rptr.

South Milwaukee Swapfest *
SAT - JULY 9, 1994
OAK Creek, WI
T/I 146.58 Simp.

1994 Racine Hamfest
SUN - JUL 31, 1994
South Hills Country Club

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